

Willingdons Back Again in Capital

Vice Regal Party Met By Party of Prominent Figures

Ottawa.—After an absence of six weeks spent in a cruise of Bermuda and the West Indies, Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Viscountess Willingdon returned to the capital recently. They were warmly greeted at the Union Station by a party of prominent people, including Premier Mackenzie King and Rt. Hon. F. A. Anglin, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who acted as Administrator in his Excellency's absence.

"So jolly to get back," Viscount Willingdon remarked to the Premier as he stepped from the train, and his comment was heartily seconded by Viscountess Willingdon, who was looking very well, despite a recent indisposition and particularly rough sailing weather encountered on the trip.

Hon. Jean Knight, French Minister, Hon. I. M. Tokugawa, Japanese Minister; B. R. Riggs, United States Charge d'Affaires, and Sir William Clark, British High Commissioner, were among those who welcomed the vice-regal party.

Immediately after their arrival their Excellencies drove to Rideau Hall, their official residence. Before stepping into the car, however, His Excellency took a moment to shake hands with his chauffeur and ask how he had been keeping. The gesture, so typical of the Governor-General was not lost on the welcoming crowd.

Nixon Selected to Lead Progressives

Will Head Group of Four in Ontario Legislature

Toronto.—Harry C. Nixon, former provincial secretary, was chosen leader of the Progressive party at a representative meeting of Progressives held recently.

Mr. Nixon succeeds J. G. Lethbridge who was defeated in his home riding of West Middlesex at the Ontario elections held October 30 last.

The new leader will head a group of four Progressives in the Ontario Legislature, which commences its eighteenth session on Feb. 5. The three Liberal-Progressives and one United Farmer of Ontario member are expected to ally themselves with the Progressive group, giving the party a total voting strength of eight.

In a statement issued following the conference the Progressives announced their intention of carrying on as an independent group in the Legislature for the coming session. "Relief from the excessive taxation which is burdening agriculture today," and a more thorough study of rural problems, is part of the policy Progressives will pursue, the statement says.

Ontario Man, 106, Wields Axe Daily

John Birch Claims to Be Oldest Axeman in Empire

North Bay, Ont.—Proving that he was still active at 106 years of age, John Birch, of Nipissing Junction, who claims to be the oldest axeman in the British Empire, split several slabs of hardwood and then sawed through a 10-inch log without stopping for breath. Any day he is to be seen wielding an axe on the farm of his son, Adam Birch.

A veteran of the Crimean war, Mr. Birch built himself a home on the Nipissing bush at a time when the now thriving city of North Bay consisted of only a few log shacks. Many interesting stories of the early days of the north country are related by the veteran axe-slinger.

When an interviewer asked him how long he expected to live, he said, jokingly, "until they have a place for me down below." An inveterate pipe smoker, he uses tobacco continually and even when he wakes up during the night is accustomed to have a few draws.

Alberta Student Frozen to Death

Son of Lethbridge Minister Believed to Have Walked in Sleep

Edmonton.—Dead from exposure in below zero weather, the pajama-clad body of Hamish Kelly, 13, freshman student at the University of Alberta, was found on the ground 15 feet below his bedroom window at Athabasca hall on the university grounds early Sunday morning.

Last seen at midnight, Kelly is believed to have walked in his sleep and slipped through the window which was open 18 inches when the body was found. It was frozen so badly that doctors could not perform an autopsy until Monday.

Kelly was a son of Rev. W. E. Kelly of Lethbridge, Alta.

Next to acquiring good friends, the best acquisition is that of good books. —C. C. Colton.

Sixteen Perish As Plane Crashes

Two Pilots and Fourteen Passengers Meet Terrible Death in California

BODIES ALL BURNED

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 19.—The most devastating wreck in airplane passenger service occurred at 7.20 o'clock this evening when 14 passengers and two pilots lost their lives in the crash of a Maddux-Transcontinental Air Transport Air line plane at Ocean Side on the beach between San Diego and Los Angeles. The trimotored Fokker plane known as the race special of the Maddux line, numbered No. 9689, ploughed through the earth for 200 yards in an attempted landing. It then burst into flames and all within were burned to death.

Some of the bodies were not so badly burned as to prevent identification but most all were scorched and disfigured.

Motocists who were eye-witnesses to the crash say that the doomed ship seemed to be having trouble as it made its way up the coast line. They telephoned that it was flying at an altitude of about 200 feet and that the pilot was apparently attempting to reach the sand of the shore for a landing.

Suddenly the plane was seen to hit the earth and then burst into flames. The wreckage was strewn for several hundred feet, and the plane was consumed about a block from the shore line.

The plane, which was carrying its full complement of passengers, returning from the racing meet at Agua Caliente, left Mexico flying field about 5.30 p.m., after the last race of the day and was en route to the Grand Central Air terminal station in this city.

Alberta Makes New High Mark For Homesteads

"Wide, Open Spaces" of Province Are Filling Up in Rapid Manner

Edmonton, Alta.—Alberta's old time "Wide Open Spaces" are no longer wide-open. Steady, and by no means slowly, settlers are filling up vast expanses of good fertile land that less than a year or two ago were waste visited only occasionally by hunters and trappers.

Figures for 1929, just released, show that a total area of 1,116 square miles of new land were filed upon in the Edmonton land district alone. This comprises 4,655 homesteads of a quarter section each and 136 soldier grants. This smashes the previous high mark, established in 1928, by more than 1,000 when 3,370 homesteads and 128 soldier grants, for a total of 3,498 were filed. One feature of the filings last year shows the value of publicity to a district. Wolf Creek, west of Edmonton was one of the most sparsely populated and thickly-wooded areas in Northern Alberta.

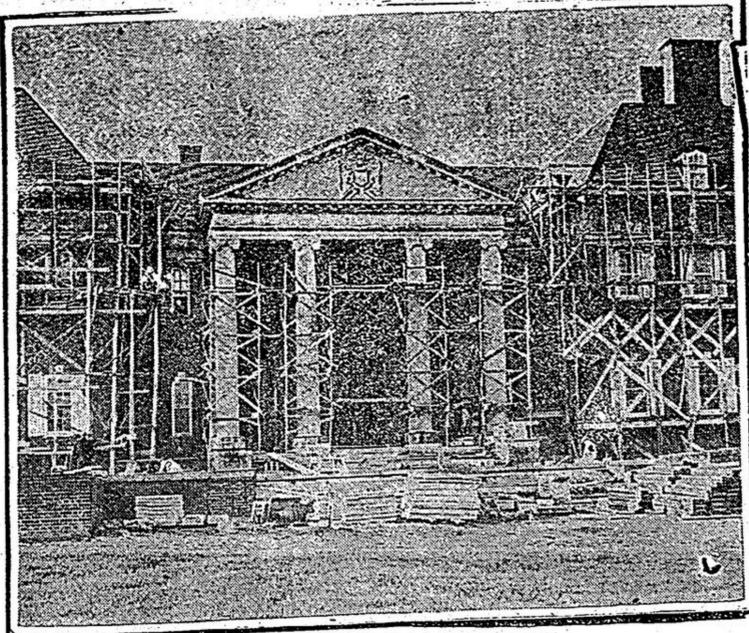
When Joseph Smith won the title of "Wheat King" at the famous Chicago Fair, settlers from all over Canada and many from the U.S.A. decided that Smith had made a good choice and they became his neighbors with all possible speed.

Only two months of 1929 fell below 1928 in the number of filings, namely, November and December.

The heaviest month of the year for filings was October, when 807 homesteads and 22 soldier grants were filed.

While it would hardly seem that 1930 could set still another high-water mark, officials of the Dominion Land office predict that an even heavier filing will take place this year.

Empire Gains New Dignity at America's Capital



THE NEW BRITISH EMBASSY NEARS COMPLETION
Splendid new mansion, to be the British Embassy at Washington, D.C., which will be ready for occupancy this summer.

Brockville Hails Bridge Proposal

Governor Roosevelt's Message Received With Much Satisfaction

Brockville, Ont.—The message from Franklin D. Roosevelt to the New York State Legislature, now in session at Albany, requesting it to appoint a commission to act in conjunction with another commission to be named by the Government of Ontario in regard to the establishment of an international bridge across the upper St. Lawrence in this district, has been received here with much satisfaction.

In his message, Mr. Roosevelt states that a tower of the upper St. Lawrence convinced him of the necessity of such a bridge being built in order that facilities of communication between New York State and Ontario might be improved.

He has recommended a commission be appointed to study the question, adding that "I am now informed that the Government of the Province of Ontario has given the matter consideration and is prepared to recommend the appointment of a commission to study the question jointly with a commission to be appointed by this state." Governor Roosevelt has already vetoed several bills providing for the construction of an international bridge by private companies.

New President of Legion is Honored

Distinguished Gathering Attends Reception for Lt.-Col. Laffache

Ottawa.—A distinguished gathering including Premier Mackenzie King, Hon. Jean Knight, French Minister, and several members of the Cabinet, attended the reception held here last week in honor of Lt.-Col. L. R. Laffache, D.S.O., A.D.C., Dominion president of the Canadian Legion.

The reception, arranged by the local branch of the Canadian Legion,



PLAYED WITH QUARTET
Dr. Ernest C. MacMillan, principal of Toronto Conservatory of Music, who appeared with Hart House stringed quartet, recently.

gave an opportunity to representatives of the Government and other organizations to congratulate Col. Laffache on his recent unanimous election to the presidency of the Legion.

Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, conveyed greetings to the Interior, conveyed greetings to the Dominion Government and a congratulatory letter from Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian Corps during the latter years of the Great War and former president of the Legion, was read.

Proposes to Lower Postage to Canada

Buenos Aires, Argentine.—The postmaster-general, informing the government of the new Canadian postal regulation reducing to two cents the postage on letters from Canada to Argentine, effective Jan. 1, expressed the opinion that a corresponding reduction should be applied to mail addressed to Canada.

"We must learn to adapt, to adapt and to improve."—Prince of Wales.

Continue Fight On Immigration

Regina, Sask.—Imperialists of the Prairies are making Saskatchewan their battleground. Insistent demands have been made to the Provincial government that further immigration of Mennonites be stayed.

Such outspoken leaders of public opinion in Northern Saskatchewan as the Rt. Rev. Eston Lloyd, Anglican Bishop of Saskatchewan, have publicly protested against the further influx of Mennonites.

Bishop Lloyd, presided at a gathering of the National Order of Canada, greeted a hundred prominent leaders of all parts of the province.

Recommendation was made that the move for more Mennonite immigrants be made a test case on the immigration rights of the province.

Much of the excitement over the proposed Mennonite and Central European Immigration has subsided for the moment but the Provincial government has named an Immigration Commission which is commencing inquiries throughout the province.

One of the matters into which this Board will inquire will be means to assist natives of Canada in settling on Saskatchewan land.

Toy Balloons Go Long Distance

Toronto, Jan. 16.—From Toronto to the state of New Hampshire, a distance of approximately 650 miles, was the distance covered by two toy balloons which were released here on New Year's Eve, it was learned yesterday.

Stewart Christie of Toronto released three toy balloons on New Year's Eve with his name and address on them. Four days later he received word from Bow, New Hampshire, that one of the balloons had been found. Yesterday, the finding of another of the balloons was reported from Meredith, also in New Hampshire. Nothing has yet been heard of the third.

"This is what makes progress—man trying to satisfy woman."—Anne Ellis.

The Markets

PROVISION PRICES.....

Toronto wholesale dealers are quoting the following prices to the trade: Smoked meats—Hams, med., 28 to 35c; cooked loins, 48 to 52c; smoked holls, 28c; breakfast bacon, 26 to 37c; backs, pea-mealed, 36 to 40c; do, smoked, 45 to 53c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., 24c; 70 to 90 lbs., 22c; 90 to 110 lbs., 21c. Heavyweight rolls, 40c; lightweight rolls, 35c. Lard—Pure tierces, 15 1/2c; tubs, 16 1/2c; pails, 17c; prints, 17 1/2c to 18 1/2c. Shortening—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13 1/2c; pails, 14c. Pork loins, 31c; shoulders, 22c; butts, 26c; hams, 24 1/2c.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

Toronto wholesale dealers are buying from country shippers at the following prices: Eggs—Ungraded, cases returned, fresh extras, 53c; fresh firsts, 50c; seconds, 40c; pullet extras, 47c. Butter—No. 1, 37 1/4 to 37 3/4c; No. 2, 36 1/4 to 36 3/4c. Churning cream—Special, 39 to 42c; No. 1, 38 to 41c; No. 2, 35 to 38c. Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 20 1/2c.

CLOVER SEED PRICES.

For clean seed from a good seed cleaning mill the following range of prices for shipping points in Ontario is being offered to growers by dealers: Red clover—Suitable for Canadian, No. 1, per bus., \$8; do, No. 2, \$7. Alsike—No. 1 export, 97-98 per cent. purity, \$5.75; No. 2, export, 95-96 per cent. purity, \$4.20; No. 4, export, 90-91 per cent. purity, \$3.60; alsike, white mixtures, \$4.80. Sweet clover—Can. grade, No. 1, \$2; do, No. 2, \$1.50.

HAY AND STRAW PRICES

Wholesale dealers in hay and straw are quoting to shipping the following prices for carloads delivered on track Toronto: No. 2 timothy, baled, ton, \$15 to \$15.50; do, No. 3, \$13 to \$14; wheat straw, baled, ton, \$10 to \$10.50; oat straw, baled, ton, \$10 to \$10.50; No. 1 timothy, loose, is quoted at \$20 per ton, delivered.

LIVESTOCK.

Heavy beef steers, \$9 to \$10; butcher steers, choice, \$9.50 to \$10; do, com., \$7.75 to \$8.25; do, fair to good, \$8.50 to \$9.25; heifers, choice, \$9 to \$9.75; do, com., \$7.50 to \$8.25; butcher cows, good to choice, \$7 to \$7.75; do, com. to med., \$5.50 to \$6.50; do, canners and cutters, \$3.50 to \$3.80; do, bulls, good to choice, \$7.25 to \$8; do, med., \$6.50 to \$7; do, bolognas, \$6 to \$6.50; baby beef, \$10 to \$14; feeders, good, \$8 to \$9; stockers, good, \$8 to \$8.50; do, fair, \$7 to \$7.50; calves, good, \$15 to \$16; do, med., \$10 to \$14; do, grassers, \$6 to \$7.50; springers, \$110 to \$125; milkers, \$75 to \$100; lambs, choice, \$13.50 to \$15; do, com., \$11 to \$12; sheep, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.50; hogs, bacon, w.o.c., \$13; do, select, \$1 per hog premium; do, butchers, 75c per hog discount; do, f.o.b. prices, \$1.25 cwt. under w.o.c.; do, trucked in, 50c cwt. under w.o.c.

Stewart Predicts N.B. National Park

Minister of Interior Addresses Members of Lumberman's Association

Ottawa.—A new national park in New Brunswick was forecast by Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, in the course of an address before the 22nd annual convention of the Canadian Lumberman's Association here. A large tract of timber land is to be acquired by the Government in that province, Mr. Stewart said, in order to complete the chain of national parks across the Dominion.

In that connection the Minister stated the return of natural resources to the prairie provinces would not mean the Dominion Government would discontinue its forest research work. The Ottawa forest products laboratories would also remain in operation.

Canadian manufacturers should seek to increase domestic consumption of wood products to offset decreasing exports, E. R. Bremner of Ottawa declared in his presidential address. Increased use of wood substitutes and keener foreign competition had adversely affected the export trade. In 1929 lumber exports amounted to 1,988,000,000 feet. Although this was an increase from 1928, yet the combined total for the two years was 557,000,000 feet below the total of the preceding two years.

The secretary's report showed a falling off in membership during the last few years. This was attributed largely to numerous amalgamations among the lumber firms.

Magistrate Cohen of Toronto Retires

Toronto.—After twenty years on the Toronto Bench Magistrate Jacob Cohen is retiring. The board of control has adopted the recommendation that he be allowed a pension of \$2000 annually.

Magistrate Cohen came to America from Poland when he was 21 years of age, mastering the English language, and working himself up to his present position.

SHADOWS
Love is the shadow of the morning which decreases as the day advances. Friendship is the shadow of the evening which strengthens with the setting sun of life.—La Fontaine.

"Quality has given way to quantity and the individual to the gang or the machine."—Andre Slegfried.

A Dunning Hint On Income Tax

Federal Government May Relinquish Business Income Tax is Suggestion to Chamber of Commerce Delegation

Ottawa.—A suggestion by Hon. C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, that Canadian businessmen should give some consideration to the situation arising in the Dominion out of the duplication of income taxes, was made recently.

Speaking to a deputation representing the Canadian Chambers of Commerce, the new Minister of Finance said that some of the Provincial Governments were anxious for the Dominion Government to get out of the income tax field. The Federal income tax was a war tax, Mr. Dunning pointed out, and a large part of the cost of the war remained to be paid. "The Dominion cannot do without the income tax," said Mr. Dunning.

Certain of the provinces, however, had suggested that the field might be divided. For instance, the suggestion had been made that the field of personal income taxation be left to the provinces and that of business income taxation to the Dominion. "I am not making any promises," said Mr. Dunning, "but I think business men might well study the matter."

The deputation also heard from Premier King on the subject of the St. Lawrence waterways. One of the suggestions made by the deputation was that the Dominion Government call a conference of representatives of the Opposition parties in the Federal House and of the Provincial Governments in the hope that, as a result of such conference, a policy with regard to the St. Lawrence waterways may be evolved which will carry the united judgment of the people of Canada.

Mr. King expressed some doubt as to the feasibility of this proposal. The St. Lawrence Waterways problem was one which he felt must be worked out by Parliament, said Mr. King, and he doubted whether its solution would be accelerated by calling in opposition parties. He felt that the British system, which required that a Government formulate a policy and lay it before Parliament for its consideration, was a sound one. "The Government is anxious to see the St. Lawrence developed," said Mr. King, "and to see the work done in such a way that the national interest will be the gainer." But he failed to see that the suggested conference would be beneficial.

English Bobbie Gets Four Years

Pleaded Guilty at Old Bailey to Charges of Shop-breaking

London.—A Metropolitan police constable was sentenced to four years penal servitude at the Old Bailey. He was William Scott, who was stationed at Chadwell Heath, Essex, and who pleaded guilty to six charges of shopbreaking at Becontree.

It was stated that while on night duty he entered the shops by means of a master key.

His arrest followed his discovery inside a shop by a shopkeeper who had been keeping watch.

A Reduced Sentence
Division Detective Inspector Dennis said Scott had been in the Metropolitan Police for ten years. He was married and had four children. He served during the war, but was invalided out of the Army. He was a man hitherto of exemplary character.

Mr. Benoit Moore said that Scott desired to express his great contrition, and he was quite glad his downward path in a criminal career had been checked. He was unable to give any explanation why he committed the offences.

The Recorder (Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.) said Scott had disgraced one of the finest forces in the world. It was his duty to guard the premises of shopkeepers, but instead of doing so he broke into them.

Sir Ernest said that he would make a reduction in the sentence he would otherwise have passed, as Scott had had the grace to confess and was a man of good character and had served his country during the war.

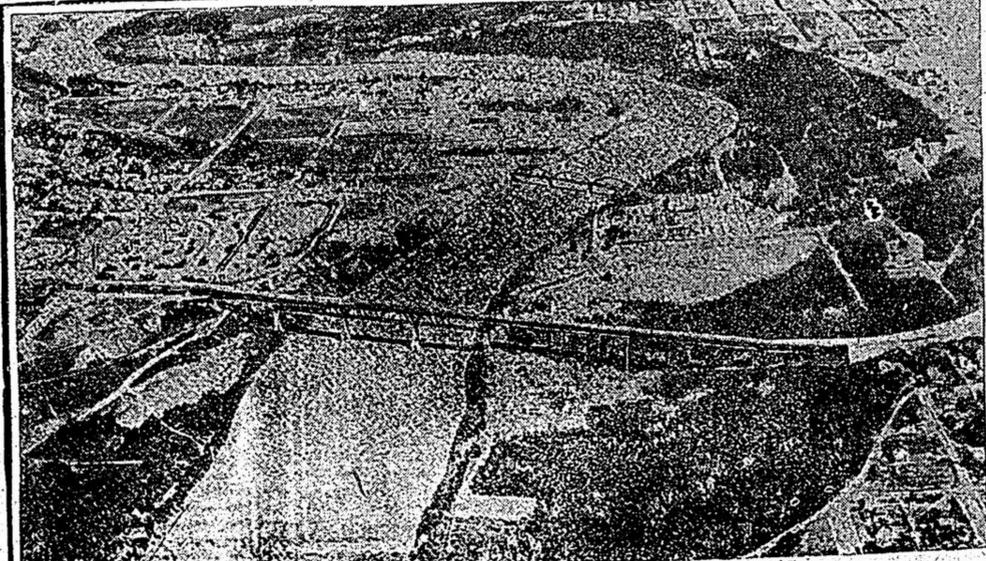
All Four Are Well

The Mahaney quadruplets, believed to be the only living quartet of the same age in one family anywhere in North America, started back to school after the holidays in St. John, N.B., after their first Christmas holidays.

Their coming on Christmas Day six years ago imposed a considerable burden upon a family which was not too well endowed with this world's goods. But the event was so unusual that the sympathy of the whole community was aroused, and from the day of their birth the members of the foursome have never wanted for anything.

Now, despite the unusual incident of their birth, they are apparently just normal children. Of the four, three are girls.

Albertan Capital Shows Marked Progress



AN INTERESTING VIEW OF FAR WESTERN TOWN
Edmonton, Alta., looking east. Left—Provincial parliament buildings. Centre, foreground—High level bridge over North Saskatchewan River. Right—Strathcona, now incorporated with Edmonton.